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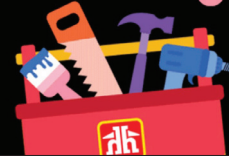
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## Winners take it all

The Haliburton County Huskies celebrate their second goal of the Home Opener by #75 Patrick Saini, tying the score at 2-2, on Saturday, Sept. 9. Read about the first two games of the regular season on page 10. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

# County moves closer to an accommodation tax

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County staff have identified a path toward establishing its municipal services corporation.

Such an entity is required for the adoption of a municipal accommodation tax in the county and its lower tier municipalities.

But Scott Ovell, the county's economic

development and tourism director, told council Aug. 16 that staff are pretty much learning as they go in the process.

Ovell's report to council about next steps was accepted as information by council.

"I expected there might be more questions at this point," said Warden Liz Daniels, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands.

One component of establishing a municipal accommodation tax for the

county and the lower tier municipalities is the establishment of a municipal services corporation. Ovell said such an entity is new territory for him and staff, and that was the reason for the update to council.

"I look at that process as an evolution," Ovell said. "As we gain more information and probably legal guidance, we'll probably be back in front of you again, just to keep you updated."

Department staff outlined to county council in July the municipal accommoda-

tion tax (MAT) legislation and some key questions each municipality would need to consider if they were to implement it.

Staff received direction to begin drafting a bylaw for the lower tier municipalities' consideration, and for staff to begin the process of creating a municipal services corporation (MSC).

Because the county is a for-profit corporation, the MSC would be designated

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## Purolator Fills the Truck for food bank

Purolator's Fill the Truck campaign came to Haliburton Independent on Sept. 1 to collect over 4,000 pounds of non-perishable food and \$2,100 in donations for the Haliburton County Food Bank. Mark Savin is pictured with Judy MacDuff from the Haliburton County Food Bank. /Submitted

# Dysart deems part of Kennaway Road too narrow for snowclearing

JAMES MATTHEWS

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Dysart will not undertake snow plowing on Kennaway Road to a Scouts Canada property there.

Municipal council decided<sup>1</sup> against the youth organiza-<sup>1</sup>  
tion's request for winter maintenance during the Aug. 22  
regular meeting.

Council first received a request from Scouts Canada for snowclearing to 3161 Kennaway Road during a meeting in March. It's similar to a request council received and deferred in 2019 from a maple syrup operation.

At the time, staff and the ward councillor met with proponents on site to discuss the need for plowing. The grade of the road was acceptable, with one long hill nearing the 12 per cent gradient threshold, but there are other

costly issues with the thoroughfare, said Rob Camelon, the public works director.

"We do have some concerns with it," he said. "The platform is wide enough for a (snow plow) truck, but just the truck. If it ever met anybody, there'd be nowhere to pull off."

<sup>1</sup> "So we're into extensive capital works for ditching, road widening, that kind of thing."

Those capital improvements would cost more than \$200,000. It's also part of a snowmobile trail groomed by the Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club with no formal agreements in place with the municipality.

For those reasons, Camelon said, staff doesn't recommend the road be added to the township's inventory of winter maintenance roads.

"I think that's fair based on what the activities are in there," said Mayor Murray Fearrey.

# New tax may yield \$245K a year

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as the only tourism entity to receive the eligible 50 per cent of MAT revenue that the lower tier municipalities are mandated, by provincial legislation, to contribute for tourism marketing and development.

Of course, everything about the tax and the corporation is contingent upon support from the lower tier townships.

Although many destination marketing and management organizations (DMO) are not-for-profit or, in some cases, funded by a municipality, Haliburton County operates differently, Ovell wrote in his report.

"The county's tourism division has acted as the region's DMO and has been solely responsible for destination marketing and, most recently, destination management and tourism development for over a decade," he said.

A DMO promotes a destination as an attractive place to visit while enhancing the destination's public image as a dynamic place to live, work, study, and invest.

Its primary goal is to enhance the visitor experience and drive economic growth through tourism.

A municipal services corporation's shares are owned by a municipality or a municipality and one or more other public sector entities. Such corporations are connected to the municipality, but are at arms-length as they

have autonomy over their operations.

Much of the work to be done to create an MSC is dependent on the implementation of the accommodation tax by the lower tier municipalities and the acceptance of the proposed governance model pending legal review.

Phase 1 of establishing a service corporation begins with a proposed governance model reviewed by lawyers this month.

The second phase will include the adoption of the accommodation tax bylaw and proposed governance model by the lower tier municipalities

In October and November, a business case is to be created for a municipal services corporation and a service payment agreement will be established between the county and the local municipalities.

The business case will be presented to county council in December.

Phases 3 and 4 will be undertaken in 2024.

Council has previously been told that as much as \$245,500 could be generated by the MAT at the county if the program were implemented. Further, the funding from MAT would cover the payroll costs of tourism staff that would support its mandate and objectives.

Danielsen said everything come to fruition as soon as possible.

"It seems like there's a lot of enthusiasm for us moving forward with this process," said Danielsen.

# Dysart to probe sewage odour in Wigamog Road area

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wigamog Road residents are asking Dysart council to help clear the air regarding an apparent sewage problem in the area.

Al and Sandra Oakley wrote to township council to ask for help in bringing an end to a sewage odour with which they've had to live for the last four years. There has been no issue with sewer smells in the 22 years prior to the last four.

"We have been told that the problem could be happening because of a property at Deer Point being approved to have a large holding tank with pump up," the residents wrote in their letter. "The sewage becomes septic before it pumps up and out to the sewer system."

"We are not alone. Our neighbours have also complained about the awful smell coming from the sewage system."

Rob Camelon, the township's public works director, explained to council during its Aug. 22 meeting that the area is served by a gravity line running east from the Minden Hills boundary to Silver Beach before it enters a pump station and gets pushed farther.

"It's not an issue of waste staying in the line and going septic," Camelon said. "It's what somebody is putting into the system."

He said the township investigated what's called FOGs a few years ago. That refers to fats, oils, and grease that are found in wastewater.

"We popped a bunch of manhole lids, and we couldn't find any evidence of greases or anything of that matter,"

Camelon said. "So we're chalking it up to somebody possibly not using their residence year-round or fulltime."

In such a case, the owners have a pump chamber in the house they use on the weekend. Then they're away at a primary residence for a week or more.

"During that time, we're expecting that the sewage waste goes septic," he said. "When they come back and pump it into the system, that's the smell that the Oakley's are experiencing."

Tracking the odour is very difficult, and Camelon said the municipality offered to

send staff into the Oakley's home to take a look at their plumbing about two years ago.

"It's come out that they have odours inside the house as well, which concerns us," he said. "No matter how faint the smell, all sewer gasses are harmful."

It would be a good first step to eliminate the Oakley's plumbing as a possible source of the odour, Camelon said.

In their letter to council, the Oakleys indicated that, while the sewage system was installed in the neighbourhood in 1997, the problem began after a new

home was built on the Deer Point property about four years ago.

"I'm not entirely sure how we could track down who is putting what into the system when," Camelon said. "We just don't have the ability to be there 24/7."

Quite often, the odour has dissipated by the time municipal staff get to the site after receiving the complaint.

"It's a hard one to solve," Camelon said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey asked that staff offer to inspect the Oakley's internal plumbing.



## Squash season

On Monday, local MPP Laurie Scott met with the team at Highlands Squash Club to officially re-open it now that the work has been done to refurbish the courts, thanks to a \$33,500 Capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Originally built in the 70s, this work has given the interior a much-needed facelift and with these improvements the club boasts a top-rated facility for year-round exercise for years to come. The OTF grant, awarded late last year, has enabled the Club to repair and repaint all court walls and refinish the wood floors. The main foyer was updated with new flooring, fully repainted and modernized. The upper viewing area was furnished, and a change room created. "This grant has allowed our facility to be updated and accessible to those in the community and surrounding areas as there is not another squash club within 75 kilometres. Squash is a great activity for those young and old as it is a superb cardio workout and phenomenal for maintaining muscular durability," said Dave Howe, Secretary-Treasurer of the Club. "Through this award the Ontario Trillium Foundation gives the area another much needed option for winter indoor activities!" The Highlands Squash Club is a non-profit organization, dedicated to running and maintaining a facility that provides squash courts for members and the public to participate in the game providing great physical and social benefits. If you are interested in trying out the sport or joining the club, please visit the website at: [www.highlands-squash-club.com](http://www.highlands-squash-club.com). /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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# downtown updates



New maple leaf lights line Highland Street in Haliburton. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



The grand opening of the Head Lake Park playground is planned for Sept. 23 at 11:30 a.m. during ColourFest. /KIRSTLEY DAMS Special to the Echo

## Grant helps provide new decorative lights for Highland Street

VIVIAN COLLINGS  
*Editor*

The Municipality of Dysart recently added some bright new additions to Haliburton village. Thanks to a \$35,700 grant, the town's seasonal snowflake lights at the top of light poles have been replaced with leaves meant to stay up all year.

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"The grant was provided by the Tourism Relief Fund to draw people to the downtown core," said Dysart manager of programs and events Andrea Mueller. "The grant covered the purchase and installation of the pole mounted lights, as well as the installation of the two large maple leaves. This required hydro to be installed and landscaping to be completed so the lights could sit properly."

The two leaves near the Cenotaph were put in place prior to the lamp post lights approximately three weeks ago.

"The large maple leaves along the steps are to better illuminate those stairs," Mueller said.

Mueller said the snowflakes previously at the top of downtown lamp posts had seen their last winter season.

"Our snowflake lights were in really rough shape and not going to last another season, so we wanted to get something neutral that could be used year-round," she said.

### Playground

On the other side of York Street, the new Head Lake

Park playground is nearing completion.

"The installer is back this week which is super exciting - then we will see the tower, the big slides and the finishing touches. We're on schedule for our grand opening on the 23rd," Mueller said. "We look forward to seeing people on it, using it, and enjoying it."

Although the committee was hoping for a spring installation, they said they're excited to have the playground in use before the end of the year.

"The entire committee is thrilled for the grand opening of the playground this month. I think if the excitement surrounding the construction phase is any indication, the community is as well," said committee member Nicole Baumgartner Spooner.

The committee surpassed their fundraising goal of \$150,000, which is in addition to a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

"If we have any excess funds, we'll come back to council with proposed shade shelters and benches for around the playground."

The grand opening of the playground will take place on the same day as ColourFest.

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# downtown updates



Eva Gifford, age 5, smiles at Pockets the Face Painter at ColourFest at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022. The event, put on by the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Haliburton BIA, returned for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and featured booths with games, inflatable activities, free hot dogs, face painting, a scarecrow decorating contest, and a pumpkin rolling contest. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

## The ColourFest tradition returns

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"Looking back at my childhood, I have so many memories that were made here in this exact spot. How many of us can reminisce about the days of the old dark brown wooden play structure? Or the playground that was decommissioned last year? We remember them fondly. But now, it's time for a new chapter, a new generation - and everyone's future memories to be made here in Head Lake Park," Baumgartner Spooner said.

The ribbon will but cut at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 23 with ColourFest starting at 11.

### ColourFest

Familiar favourites are returning to this year's ColourFest, an event hosted by the municipality and the Haliburton BIA.

"ColourFest is a week earlier than usual this year. We're looking forward to it," said Mueller.

The all-time favourite, Mueller said, the pumpkin rolling contest put on by Haliburton Rotary, will take place at 2 p.m.

"We have some inflatable games again, there will be a facepainter, we've got the scarecrow contest with an extra prize category, there's going to be some vendors, a photo booth with the playground in the background, sidewalk chalk, and lots of different games," Mueller said.

Last year was ColourFest's first year back since 2019.

Attendees are encouraged to venture downtown for fall shopping and to grab something to eat from the abundance of food establishments.



Members of the Haliburton and Districts Lions Club posed in the ColourFest photo booth at Head Lake Park in Haliburton last October.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

## Let's hear it for the boys in blue

I WAS NEVER a hockey fan.  
I started the CanSkate program  
at age 4 or 5 in Minden.  
Efforts to convince me to play  
hockey bounced right off my pink hel-  
met.

I had my heart set on dancing on the  
ice like Kurt Browning and Joannie  
Rochette.

So that's what I did for the following  
15 years until I moved away for post-  
secondary school.

Fifteen years of waltzes, spirals, back  
spins, loop jumps, sparkly dresses, and  
tights at the old SG Nesbitt Memorial  
Arena.

Unfortunately there wasn't a single  
time in those 15 years  
that I enjoyed watching  
a hockey game (feel free  
to come at me for that).

To me, it was just  
a sweaty sport that  
endorsed too much con-  
tact.

Why is everybody  
yelling over the place-  
ment of a little rubber  
disk on 60 metres of ice?

And I didn't like sit-  
ting there, cold, for a  
long time.

Did you know that  
even though the score-  
board says 20 minutes,  
each period actually takes way longer?  
What kind of prank is that?

Since attending my first Huskies  
game last year though, things are a lit-  
tle different.

I've become an actual hockey fan,  
and not just for the hot chocolate and  
people-watching.

I truly did have my eyes opened to  
the hype over the country's most pop-  
ular sport.

It's more than just sweat and yelling  
- so much more.

You forget about the rest of the  
world within the walls of the arena.

It's an experience in itself to take in  
everything around you: music blast-  
ing through the speakers above your  
head playing snippets favourite after  
favourite songs, sitting in those seats  
high above the ice with a perfect van-

tage point, watching the talent on the  
ice - players who have worked hard  
their entire lives to get to that point.

I think the best part, though, is expe-  
riencing that with close to 300 other  
fans.

A true collective consciousness.  
It's impossible to not get into the  
game.

The first home game of the Huskies  
2023/2024 season against the Picker-  
ing Panthers was definitely an excit-  
ing one.

The lights dimmed on the ice, and  
two aspiring Huskies skated, in uni-  
form, with huge Haliburton County  
Huskies flags rippling behind.

Next, this season's  
roster was introduced -  
nearly an entirely new  
slate of talent in addi-  
tion to familiar names.

Local singer Ella  
Gooley sang the  
national anthem, and  
her last note was hardly  
audible underneath the  
foot-stomping standing  
ovation from the crowd.

Nobody minded  
being in the chilly arena  
on a sunny summer  
day.

It's clear the team  
has been practicing  
hard and have excellent compatibility  
despite only knowing each other for a  
few months.

A close game finishing the third  
period in a 3-3 score meant nail-biting  
overtime.

After only two minutes, forward  
Johnathon Mead eased the crowd's  
anxiety with a goal, starting the season  
off with a thrilling win for the boys in  
blue.

Between the celebration horn and  
the screaming crowd, I wouldn't be  
surprised if the whole town knew  
about the win before it was even  
announced.

*Right Back Where We Started From*  
blasted through the speakers.

I'll always be a figure skater, but  
thanks to the Huskies, my mind is for-  
ever changed about hockey.



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## Editorial

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A doe and two fawns cross a driveway.

by Tammy Nash

## The paper bag gift

JIM AND I have been married  
for 33 years, and for 33 years  
we've been visiting our local LCBO.

We do love a delicious glass of  
wine with our friends on a Friday  
evening or really any evening that  
we gather.

I remember when our daughter  
Madeline was little and we used  
to walk into town every Saturday  
with her.

One day we walked by a house  
two doors down from the LCBO  
that was for sale, and Madeline  
turned to us and said "you should  
buy this house, it's  
right beside your  
favourite store." We  
laughed.

Obviously she saw  
we were regulars.  
Bear with me now as  
this story diverges. It  
will come back to the  
LCBO, Lisa, Wendy,  
Barb and all of the  
staff that work there.

In the wisdom tra-  
ditions it is known  
that each of us must  
take care of our  
inner well being and  
it is suggested that  
we do this by glad-  
dening our minds  
every day.

Three specific practices are rec-  
ommended and are easy to build  
into our lives.

The first one is to have a daily  
practice of gratitude. Each day  
acknowledging three things you are  
grateful for.

The second practice is to really  
savour the moments when you feel  
a sense of awe, joy, love, connec-  
tion, belonging and delight. Maybe  
sitting with friends by the camp-  
fire, attending a concert or sporting  
activity, being in nature etc. When  
you notice you are in joy, take at  
least 30 seconds to savour it. Let it  
fill you up. It is like a sacred pause  
to be really present with what you  
are experiencing.

The third way to gladden your  
mind is to do small acts of kindness  
throughout your day. You could  
smile at someone, you could hold  
open a door or drop off a salad or a  
loaf to a neighbour.

The possibilities for small acts of  
kindness are endless. And even if  
the person you extend the kindness  
to doesn't know that you are doing  
so, you know. Your heart knows  
and grows.

And so it is here in the article that  
we loop back to the LCBO. I was  
in the store the other day buying  
a bottle of wine for  
my weekend.

Lisa was serv-  
ing me, and I just  
happened to men-  
tion that the LCBO  
brown paper bags  
were a thing of the  
past. I laughed and  
told her how my  
husband would  
especially miss the  
bags because he, we  
and our friends save  
them throughout  
the year and he fills  
them with garlic that  
he sells.

The brown bags  
have been the per-  
fect size. Lisa looked at me and got  
a big smile on her face and said  
"Hey, Wendy knows that Jim uses  
them for his garlic so she put the  
leftover ones aside for him."

"Wait here and I will get them."  
And so Lisa went and came back  
with a pile of bags for Jim and his  
garlic.

Barb, Wendy and Lisa have  
always been so friendly, welcom-  
ing and professional in that store.  
And they have always made every-  
one feel like they are preferred cus-  
tomers.

They extend kindness every day,  
and these paper bags were another  
example. Kind acts connect us, hold  
us together and make us feel like  
we matter.

Tales from  
the great



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## Green meadow

# points of view

## Finding my way

I AM READING a book that describes the way Indigenous people all over the world navigated without the assistance of map, compass, and their wives. And frankly, it has been a real eye opener for me.

For instance, the Polynesian sailors of the Pacific routinely did trips of hundreds of miles across the open sea to visit other islands by following bird migrations, the stars, flotsam and jetsam, and observing cloud and wave directions.

As someone who can unerringly make his way to the yogurt section of our grocery store, purely by instinct, following hippies, and carefully reading the signs over each aisle, I found myself definitely relating to this.

But just when I started to feel a kinship to these early navigators, I read that, in the southwestern regions of North America, warriors were known to cross hundreds of miles of wilderness by following verbal directions alone.

This, I believe is where our similarities end. And I think this is where it ends for most men my age. Frankly, this is the main reason that we do not stop to ask for directions when we are lost.

Oh sure, we recognize that we will be given good directions. But we also know that the minute we nod our head and say, "Got it!" after a set of clear and simple instructions, we will somehow end up in New Brunswick.

All this is to say that we are not very good at processing directions.



steve  
galea

### Loon Tales

For instance, if, by some act of desperation, we were to stop and ask for directions, here's probably how it would pan out.

The person giving directions might say, "Oh, directions to the hospital? You go straight down the road three kilometres, and you'll see it on the right-hand side. You can't miss it. There are all sorts of signs along the way."

But what the average man my age hears is, "Yada, yada, yada..."

I'm not sure why this is the case, but it seems to be true. I'm also not sure why more research has not been done on this. The only thing I can think of is that efforts to do so have been quashed by the New Brunswick tourism people.

Women, at least the ones I've known, have no such qualms about asking for and following navigational directions – which is another reason why I think they are more highly evolved.

I'm not sure why we men are so resistant to this, but I do have a few theories.

My main one is that when most men are newly in love they listen intently to the object of their affection. And this means they will be given directions to places like shopping malls, dress and shoe shops, baby showers, your partner's parents, and locations where they will be asked to wait outside and hold a purse.

Naturally, after you've been subjected to this for a year or two, your sense of survival kicks in, and you soon learn to hear "Yada, yada, yada" in lieu of actual directions. Or better yet, you avoid asking.

And while this is helpful if you need to avoid shopping malls, dress and shoe shops, baby showers, her parents, and locations where you will be asked to wait outside and hold a purse, it is not so great when you are looking for the nearest hospital so they can hopefully save your eyebrows after a fluke barbecuing accident.

Then again, New Brunswick is lovely this time of year...



## pic of the past

Fred Neimann (1885-1967) & his son Emil (1909-1982), in Orange Lodge regalia, are pictured standing on the front lawn of Fred's home, circa 1940s. Both gentlemen were active in Loyal Orange Lodge No. 975, Haliburton for several years. The Neimann home was situated on Hwy. 118 where the driveway into the Gardens of Haliburton condominiums are today. The image was made available to the Museum by Ardra Neimann of Oshawa, grandson of Fred & son of Emil. /Haliburton Highlands Museum

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# The Speaker Series is back

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The 2023/24 season returns on Sept. 13 with a presentation by Stephan Lukacic called *Better Living in 4,289 Easy Steps* – a look at the many paths toward sustainable living and self-reliance. Our guide will be a guy who’s in the process of figuring it all out. Topics include diet as medicine, developing sustainable habits via trial and error, and removing oneself from the toxic stew of the modern world one step at a time.

The tale of *Six String Nation* – a story of a guitar called Voyageur made of 64 different pieces of material – wood, bone, metal, stone and others – each piece has a story to tell about Canada. This multimedia presentation on Oct. 11 by Jowi Taylor, will include several local guitarists playing the Voyageur.

On November 8, Wil Andrea will share her experiences working with victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Learn how the Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation supports survivors’ demands to rid the world of sexual violence as a weapon of war and has consequences for individual perpetrators and the states that support them.

Johnny Waite and Andrea Hagarty take the stage on Dec. 13 with their presentation called *Sailing Back in Time ... An Adventure on Remote Philippine Islands*. Their stories, photos, and videos of a trip on a traditional 74’ Paraw wooden sailboat may have you wanting to strike out on your own adventure.

Now in its eighth year, the monthly speaker series have featured a variety of topics – travel, adventure, entertainment, politics, art, social and environmental

issues – presented by interesting, knowledgeable, engaging speakers. Many have been from our community including Carol Moffat, Barry Devolin, Peter Bowers, Mary Anne Barkhouse, John and Thea Patterson and Mike Jaycock, to name a few. Speakers from “away” have included such notables such as Ted Barris, James Raffan, Kevin Callan, Kurt Browning, Grit Laskin and Robert Fisher.

Originally an initiative of Yours Outdoors, Telling Our Stories will now continue under the auspices of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. “We are very pleased to be able to present this speaker series” noted Jim Blake, President of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. “It supports our work to contribute to the social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being of Haliburton Highlands and its citizens.”

The series happens on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery. Admission is \$15/person payable at the door. A portion of the ticket sales goes to a charity or local non-profit organization.

The speaker series crew – Sean Penneylegion, Jack Brezina, Tammy Rea, Eric Lilius and Barrie Martin – is searching out more presentations for the winter and spring. If you would like to receive updates or have a story you would like to tell, please email [barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com](mailto:barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com) or call 705-457-7557.

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## Singing away summer

Tha Folk Society presented the Julian Taylor Band on Sept. 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Taylor recently won Solo Artist of the Year at the 16th Canadian Folk Music Awards. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



Julian Taylor takes some time to sign records after his performance in Haliburton on Sept. 9.



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Huskies #42 Luke Hill skates around the net on Sept. 9 in Minden. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



# Huskies split opening weekend, announce new additions

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

It is the time that Haliburton County hockey fans have been waiting for; the return of hockey season!

With a new look Huskies roster taking on the OJHL this season, fans eagerly awaited the opening weekend double header. One of the biggest changes with behind the bench, while Ryan Ramsay returned for his third season as head coach and general managers, his assistant coaches saw a massive shake up. Gone are Brian Mackenzie and Jordan Bailey, and in are Matt Comand and Owen Flood.

Flood is no stranger to the Huskies team, serving as the team's athletic trainer since the inaugural season in 2021. While Comand joins the Huskies from the OJHL championship winning Collingwood Blues, where he also served as head of player development.

## Fighting the Fish

The first game of the 2023 campaign saw the Huskies take on their Highway 35 rivals down in Lindsay. On a Friday night at the Lindsay Recreation Complex, the Huskies found themselves in a sticky situation.

Brandon Nye would make it 3-0 Huskies before the period was up, and heading into the third the Huskies were at the bottom of Mount Everest with a lot to do. After Jack Staniland was sent to the box for interference, Cole Patey would tally his first of the season to send the Huskies into a 4-0 hole at 9:32.

It wasn't all doom and gloom for the Huskies, as a late goal from Declan Bowmaster launched what seemed to be an improbable comeback. The Huskies pelted Lindsay goalie Ethan Fraser with everything they had, and with seconds left Staniland cut the lead in half with his first of the season.

In the end, Lindsay claimed game one in the battle of Highway 35, 4-2. Huskies goalie Vlad Visan went 18 for 22, while Fraser stopped 38 of 40.

## Punch out with the Panthers

Despite the minor setback on Friday, the Huskies came into Saturday's home opener against the Pickering Panthers with a clear mindset and one goal: Win.

Head coach Ramsay opted to stay rookie goalie Logan Kennedy against the 2021-22 OJHL Champs, in place of Friday's starter Visan. A packed house roared with applause as after nearly six months, Huskies hockey returned to the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Finding themselves trailing 1-0 after period one, the Huskies got to work in the second. Brand new team Captain Patrick Saini would find the back of the net to tie the game at one a piece, bringing the Nesbitt to its feet for the first time this season. The Panthers answered back two minutes later as a tip in from Kieran Litterick beat Kennedy to restore the lead.

Before the period was up, Cameron Dial took a Roughing call which put the Huskies on the powerplay for



Huskies Patrick Saini celebrates the second goal for the team, making the score 2-2 in a nail biting game against the Pickering Panthers. /TIM YANO special to the Echo

third time. This time, the Huskies made Pickering pay. Lucas Stevenson buried a wicked shot past Aiden Fedema to tied it up heading into the third.

The Huskies needed a push if they wanted to send the hometown fans home happy, and the Captain answered their calls.

Saini found the back of the twine for the second time at 7:43, giving the Huskies their first lead and notching Saini's third point of the game.

With less than two minutes to go, the Panthers came out and hit the Huskies hard. They applied the pressure and in the dying minutes, it would be former Husky Nick Athanasakos tipping another one in at 18:53 and sending this game to OT.

Last season, OT games were something the Huskies improved on from their inaugural season. At 2:23 Johnathon Mead sent the Nesbitt into a frenzy as he buried the game winner to give the Huskies the 4-3 OT win against the Panthers.

The Huskies are back at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena this Saturday September 16 when they take on Former Assistant Coach Bailey and the Toronto JRC, before heading on the road to the Herb Carnegie Community Centre to face the North York Rangers to end the weekend double header.



The Huskies take time to greet their young fans before the game on Saturday.

Off the ice and on the green

The Haliburton County Huskies Golf Tournament took place on Sunday, Sept. 10 and 120 participants enjoyed a dinner, silent auction, and 18 holes of golf at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The funds raised from the day will be used for the team's 2023/2024 season budget. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



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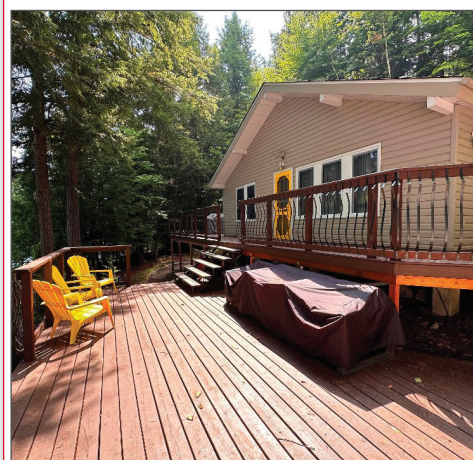


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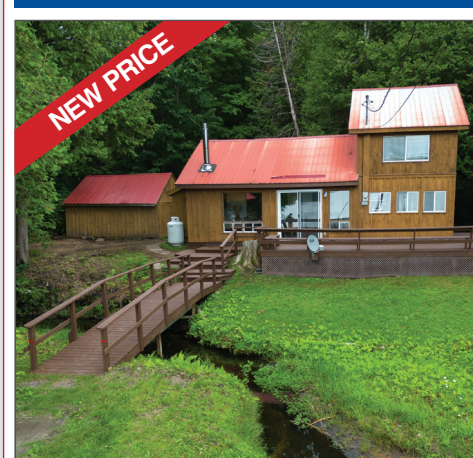


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# Highlands Opera Studio spreads their wings

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's the dawn of a new era, these post-pandemic days. While some are feeling immense relief and others are entering with trepidation, the arts world is one industry that is feeling the highs and lows of this new chapter.

"It was a season not without challenges," said Valerie Kuinka, co-artistic director of the Highlands Opera Studio, "but we were officially back in full operation."

Since its creation in 2007, the opera studio has welcomed hundreds of artists to the region not only to perform, but to learn, train, and network in the professional opera world.

The season traditionally includes multiple public performances, master classes for the participants and the public, free community events, programs catered to youth and young professionals, and a series of formalized staged operas.

"These are some of the best young opera singers across the country," said Kuinka. "We always have people say to us that they had no idea the level of professionalism from the participants. This is a professional opera company, and as good as anything you would find in an urban setting."

After a pandemic-driven hiatus, Kuinka was proud to share that the 2023 season was back in full form, with multiple performances, master classes, and community events. Unfortunately, while the events offered mirror the pre-COVID



The cast of L'Elisir D'Amore takes a bow at the end of their performance. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

days, the audience numbers did not.

"Our numbers are still down," said Kuinka, "which is a big frustration. But if you include our live stream, the audiences have been bigger. But we are still nowhere near pre-pandemic."

Kuinka noted that one silver lining of the pandemic was the opportunity to pivot into a new realm of sharing opera. The opera studio received an OTF Resilient Communities grant, which

allowed them to upgrade their technology and offer much of their programming online throughout the season. "It's really helped us spread our wings a little more," said Kuinka, referencing the opportunity for anyone to access the content online.

While she is proud to offer all the material from the season for free on the Highlands Opera Studio YouTube channel, Kuinka encourages those interested

to attend a performance in real-life, because she believes that is truly how opera is meant to be experienced. "The human voice is one of the purest ways of sharing the human experience," she said.

For information on the Highlands Opera Studio or to watch the 2023 season's performances, visit [www.highlandsoperastudio.com](http://www.highlandsoperastudio.com) or check out their YouTube channel.



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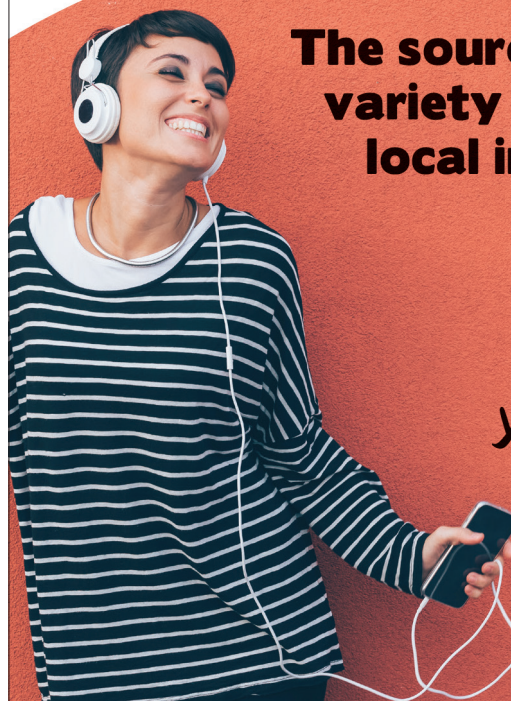
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# Take the Leap at the Wellness Hub

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

A new Haliburton County resident is eager to dive into the wellness of the community with a new workshop series.

Kim Huard, certified professional Neuro-Linguistic Programming coach, has brought Take the Leap to the Wellness Hub in Haliburton, a series of group coaching sessions to help attendees overcome barriers of fear in their personal and professional lives to successfully navigate goals.

"Everyone has various aspirations and dreams, and yet sometimes we can be stopped by doubts," Huard said. "What's important to me about these four workshops is connecting with the community, and to offer coaching in a group setting so it's more accessible than one on one. It's also quite fun when people in the group have open similarities that we can discuss."

Huard was introduced to Wellness Hub owners Sarah Comer and Shay Hutchings during the Women in Business conference hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber in June.

The NLP coach is originally from Montreal and recently moved to Algonquin Highlands six months ago.

"I studied communication and marketing and worked in a PR agency. I was very privileged to live in many markets in North America and in South Korea. I then worked for Quebec's equivalent to Destination Ontario," she said.

But Huard couldn't ignore her desire to connect with others on a deeper level.

"I've always been into people development. When I meet people, I really like to know their story, where they're at in their life, their next projects, and so on, so right before the pandemic, I decided to go to India and do my yoga training class. It was important for me to understand yoga's philosophy on the mind and body," Huard said.

In March, she took the Neuro-Linguistic Programming coaching program in Montreal.

"Neuro is our thoughts, so how we analyze any information we receive, and then linguistic is how our thoughts influence our language. So the way we communicate is basically the way we think, it's a representation of our thoughts," Huard said.

After years in high-stress jobs, she became certified to be able to carry out her dream of wanting to help others fulfill theirs.

"I just felt like coaching was the perfect



The Wellness Hub in Haliburton is now offering a coaching workshop series once a month led by Kim Huard. Huard is a neuro-linguistic programming coach. /DANIELLE MEREDITH, Special to the Echo

bridge between what I was really into and also the skills I had already developed over the years in my professional life," Huard said. "I kept thinking there were a lot of people that could have used this kind of coaching in my previous jobs. When you're stressed, you have a lot of deadlines, you're really in your head and struggle processing everything, just having someone else as a thinking partner helps so much."

The first of a series of four workshops at the Wellness Hub was called "Start with a clear outcome" and happened in August.

"It's important when you're setting a goal to know exactly what you want," Huard said.

The second workshop takes place this Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Hub.

"This one is about freeing our minds from doubt. We have this group of people and everyone shares their own story, and we'll delve into what can hold us back, and then we work on how to get past doubt," she said.

Huard will incorporate exercises to manage stress within the workshop.

The third workshop will be on Oct. 12 and will focus on boosting confidence.

The final workshop will take place on

Nov. 9.

"This final one will be about embracing change and taking the leap," she said. "The series is a natural progression of clarifying goals, to understanding doubts,

to allowing confidence to be more present."

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 10:00 am**  
**HHHS Haliburton Site Boardroom**

**Purpose of the Annual General Meeting:** To receive the report of the Board of Directors, to receive the report of the Auditors & Financial Statements, the appointment of the Auditors, to conduct the election of the Directors and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The 27th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation will be held in-person. Based on capacity and the current building protocols, the meeting could change to an online meeting at short notice. RSVP is required to be notified of this change. Only members will have the opportunity to vote.

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1. Information

5. Seaport (abbr.)

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15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables

16. A beaver builds one

17. Horizontal passage into a mine

18. Self-immolation by fire rituals

20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)

21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit

22. Agreeable

25. In an early way

30. In a way, struck

31. It's there in the morning

32. County in the S. Pacific

33. Central Florida city

38. Numbers cruncher

41. Mexican beers

43. Lawyers say you can indict one

45. Capital of South Australia

47. Wings

49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS

50. Fencing sword

55. Capital of Qatar

56. Portable bed

57. Afflicted

59. Lying down

60. Midway between northeast and east

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Inflamed

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Impudence

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3. Scarlett's home

4. Assist

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7. Dish featuring minced food

8. San Diego ballplayer

9. Eight

10. Unwelcome picnic guests

12. Human gene

14. Bucket

19. Make full

23. Dirt

24. Person cited as ideal example

25. A part of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Very long period of time

28. Gas usage measurement

29. North American native people

34. It says "moo"

35. Folk singer Di Franco

36. Resinlike substance of certain insects

37. Residue

39. Grand homes

40. Popinjays

41. Man who behaves dishonorably

42. Figures

44. One who watches over children

45. Expressed pleasure

46. No longer living

47. Hebrew calendar month

48. Part of the ear

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Italian Island

54. Resist authority (slang)

58. Criticize
- CLUES DOWN
1. A way to fish

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Jude Vanderwyst, left, and Shayla Newhook, both enjoyed working in The Bistro & Bakery this summer, helping serve customers, washing dishes, grating zucchini and more. The pair of local high school students applied to work at SIRCH because of the organization's reputation in the community. They enjoyed the experience and engaging with customers and the community on a daily basis. /Submitted

# SIRCH provides stepping stones for summer staff

As the summer season comes to an end, so too does the experience of having their first job for a number of students that worked at SIRCH this summer.

The not-for-profit organization welcomed six summer staff to the team, all of whom helped in a variety of ways, from helping customers at Thrift Warehouse to baking scones at the Bistro & Bakery. There was no shortage of smiles or support this summer across the organization.

For some of the staff, it was their very first work experience and it left them with many positive memories and life lessons.

Shayla Newhook, 15, applied for a position at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery because she wanted to work with a reputable organization. The local high school student spent the summer learning the ropes serving customers at the Bistro as well as learning to bake specialty items such as SIRCH's mouth watering scones.

"I felt like working here would give me more skills than other places," she said. "You have more interaction with customers."

Shayla has a number of standout memories from the summer, in particular the interactions she had with regulars that came to the Bistro & Bakery who would just make her day.

She values the cooking and baking skills she learned at SIRCH, which she believes are great life skills to have.

"I enjoyed my job [this summer]," she said. "It's like a family, it's not just coworkers. You actually have a friendship with the people you work with and who come in."

Payton Somers had a similar experience with her job at the Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton. The 15-year-old said working at the Warehouse was a "great first job" and that she is happy to continue working at the store during the fall on the weekends.

"I like seeing all the interesting things that come in here," she said. "Especially the antiques that have a history to them."

Payton worked at the store covering the cash register, organizing the donated items and generally lending a hand where needed. She loved finding treasures for her family. Her fellow team members refer to Payton as a rock star because she never stopped, and was always in a good mood!

She said she learned to take her time when working and loved interacting with customers.

"It's interesting to see what people buy," she said.

Fourteen-year-old Jude Vanderwyst-Kozlowski also had a memorable first summer job experience at SIRCH, working hard in the Bistro & Bakery. His responsibilities ranged from washing dishes to helping make dessert in the bakery to serving customers.

"Working at SIRCH has taught me how to be an effective part of a team. There were a lot of tasks to be done in order to keep the bistro functioning, and we all worked together to complete them," he said.

Jude says he applied for the position at SIRCH because he wanted to do something good in the community, therefore it was a perfect fit.

The benefits work both ways. SIRCH got willing hands to help keep up with the summer rush. It's great for staff to mentor youth in the community, and build their confidence and skills. SIRCH staff learn too, like what the issues are for youth, and how to do a Tik Tok video.

And having energetic youth around always brings the energy up. As Jude says "My favourite memory from working at SIRCH was laughing with my coworkers. Everyone got along great!"

Submitted



Run, Forest, run

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve hosted their 30th annual Trail Race from Sept. 9 to 11. Hundreds of racers from all over the world to participate in the many races offered over the weekend. /Photos submitted



The race offered a series of options offered, including 12KM, 26 KM, 50 KM, 50 mile, and their signature event, the Haliburton Forest 100 Miler.

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A great weekend in West Guilford

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Ah, but it’s been a grand week altogether. Andy, the youngest of my four, has done such work. Some of that was filling in the trench dug for the water-line. There was the trimming of long grass on the overgrown garden, the picking of the newly discovered apple tree, the music of his indoor bagpipes and of mandolin and guitar, and his treat of his dear aunt and me to dinner at the Pepper Mill. On Sunday, day before his going away, he and George attended church with Kathleen, June and me. Yes, June, the sister from Barrie was also here for the

week. We managed to have two music sessions in that time. One involved chatting about submarines and scuba diving which led to caving experiences. Another session involved Kathleen at piano, accompanying Andy, Leslie and Ron Hysert. After a delicious dinner provided by Shireen some of us enjoyed a campfire before Kathleen was returned to Highland Wood. Lots of memories to build a reflection till Andy comes again from Vancouver Island.  
Anyone whose property produces apples may be aware that gathering the harvest of that crop is September. The smaller variety, crab apples, will be a little later, but that, too, promises to be abundant. Apple jelly and spiced crabs, i.e. cloves cooked in the preserving mix are next in line to be jarred or preserved for winter delectation.

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I took his hand, when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day

Perhaps my time, seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now, with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, and share with me  
God wanted me now, he set me free

I love and miss you Geraldine so much

*Love Mom,  
Mary McNeil*

*In Loving Memory  
of a Dear Son  
Merreit McNeil Jr.*

*"Softly the leaves of memory fall,  
Gently I gather and  
treasure them all.  
Unseen, unheard,  
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*In Loving Memory of*

## Patricia Doris Walton (nee Thompson)

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*Passed away peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital on Tuesday August 29th, 2023 at the age of 88.*

Beloved wife of the late Ernie Walton. Dear mother of Thomas (Tracey), E.J. and the late Paul & Lynn. Loving Grandmother of Catherine (Sean), Matthew (Annie) and Taylor (Adam).

Friends, please join us for a "Celebration of Life Tea Party" on Saturday September 16th, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm at 1269 Hamilton Road, Minden, Ontario.



## Gwendolyn "Gwen" Phyllis Otto

*With sadness we share the passing of Gwen Otto on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at Quinte Healthcare North Hastings Bancroft Hospital.*

Beloved wife of Eberhard (Ed) Otto for 60 years. Cherished mother of Sandra (Brian) Elder-Otto and Douglas Otto. Loved grandmother of Cassandra and Jake. Great-grandmother of two great-granddaughters - Charlotte and Spencer. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date with interment in South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Shriners Children's Hospital in Montreal would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth. (613) 338-3259 (Condolence messages may be e-mailed to [dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca](mailto:dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca) or visit [www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com)).



*In Loving Memory of*

## Lorna Elaine Scheffee (nee Fearrey)

*Passed away at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Thursday, September 7, 2023 with her family by her side, at the age of 90.*

Beloved wife of the late Eldon James Scheffee (2012). Dear mother of Doug (predeceased-2021), David and Margaret, Laurie and Dan. Loving nana/granny to Jenny and Chris, Jeremy and Jason, Scot and Kristen, Jodi and Kevin, Sarah and Mark, Lacey and Bill and great nana/granny to Bridie, Angus, Sully, James, Wells and Raine. Dear sister of the late Everett and Bruce. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, September 11, 2023 from 1:00 until 2:00 pm. A Graveside Interment Service to Celebrate Lorna's Life was held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Monday at 2:30 pm.

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## Evelyn (Hannah) Stata (nee Scott)

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Beloved wife of Wesley O. Stata (predeceased). Dear mother of Richard and his wife Donna of Oshawa and Sharon of Toronto. Loving grandmother of Sherri Gault of Toronto. Predeceased by step brother Norman Scott, step sister Leata Sisson, brothers John, Ben, Archie and sister Selena Adams.

Friends are invited to visit at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 from 10:30 am until the time of the Funeral Service to Celebrate Ev's Life at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception to follow in the Family Centre and the Funeral Home. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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## Robert "Bob" McIvor

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Ajax Hospital on Thursday afternoon, August 31, 2023 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of Ann McIvor (nee Rubidge). Loving father of Jay, Laurel (Tyler), Gayle and Lisa (Mark). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jessahra, Dagon, Sydney, Indigo, Freya, Gwen, Brianna, Callum and by his great grandchildren Clara, Avery and Calvin. Dear brother of Sandra. Robert worked as a math teacher in the Hamilton Board for many years. He enjoyed reading, playing cards and most of all, spending time with his family at the cottage.

### A Remembrance Gathering

Friends and family are invited to join the family at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, September 9, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. A time of sharing will take place at 2 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton County Library would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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## Joan Stamp

(Resident of Haliburton)

Peacefully on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in her 87th year at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. Beloved wife of the late Ross Stamp for over 65 years. Loving mother of Debra (Tom Inglis), Delane (Lyle Sawyer), Roger (Tracey) and Lisa (Mike Wheller). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Carmen (Jan), Kris (Corrie), Angela (Gary), Curtis (Skye), Sarah, John, and by her great grandchildren Ryot, Dakota, Isabella, Liam,

Sophie, Shea, Josie, and Carsyn. Dear sister of Fay, Jack (Sherry), Patrick (Patricia), Rosalene, and Dougal. Predeceased by her siblings Russell, Joyce, Lockie, and Shirley (Bruce). Also lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, and many friends. She spent many happy years living in Haliburton and Orono. Joan and Ross traveled extensively and shared the gift of hospitality with the many who visited with them. Joan loved to sew and decorate beautiful cakes but even more, she enjoyed sharing those talents with her friends and family. Many thanks to the staff at Lakeridge Health Oshawa and Lakeridge Heights Retirement Home for their kindness and support.

### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday, September 22, 2023, from 10 am to noon. A Celebration of Joan's Life will be held in the Chapel at 12 o'clock. Reception to follow in the Community Room. Interment following at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating your time at a local retirement residence, long term care facility, or to your local community.

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## West Nile still only found here in crows

ERIN TENNANT

Staff Reporter

A second crow in Haliburton has been tested positive for West Nile at a time when health authorities are on heightened alert for a surge in human cases of the virus.

The bird was discovered in a rural part of Lutterworth township on August 21 and was confirmed positive last Monday after tests at a Guelph laboratory.

The finding comes one month after the first positive crow in the county was discovered in Glamorgan township.

The two positive-tested crows represent the only birds so far sent for analysis by the local health unit branch despite about 40 reported sightings of dead crows this summer, occurring mainly in May and June.

"Most of the birds reported have been dead too long [West Nile only lasts a few hours in a dead bird] or it

was impossible to send someone to pick it up in time," said Haliburton health inspector Sean Crowley.

"The point is that we know West Nile is here."

Last year, just one crow from Haliburton - found in Dysart township in mid-August - was confirmed positive with the virus, which is transmitted to humans only when a mosquito that has fed on an infected bird then bites a person.

See **West Nile** page 6



DARREN LUM/ECHO

### Sunset on summer

The bright lights of the Kinmount Fair attracted thousands of people to the annual

Labour Day celebration of rural life. Once a year, the small town transforms itself into a thriving metropolis complete with midway, animal competitions, a smash 'em up demolition derby and Saturday night concert. More photos page 7 and 8

## Double cohort ripple effect not yet known at HHSS

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The double cohort has not created the feared log jam in post-secondary schools. Whether through shrewd political handling or overstated doomsday predictions, there is still room in some university programs.

David Hill, the director of education with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, says they are still grappling with what this post double cohort year is actually going to look like because universities sent out late acceptances for some of the more general arts programs. He suspects some students who, after not getting initially accepted, decided to return to high school will be leaving for a January start in university.

Dale Robinson, TLDSB superintendent of program and assessments, says he is



DARREN LUM/ECHO

While teachers meet in a quiet classroom at HHSS, a member of the custodial staff walks the halls after cleaning the windows in preparation for the students' return.

getting the impression most students of the double cohort - the last graduating OAC students and the first group of students graduating from the new four-year program - have gotten into programs that if not their first choice were at least satisfactory.

Since schools are staffed based on the number of students, Hill suggested high schools this year will likely be over-staffed because students will leave after September for a post-secondary program. The board will still have to carry the staff to the end of the year.

However, the loss of the senior OAC program still means fewer students and therefore fewer staff overall. Hill says that due to the addition of seven literacy teachers, the board is going to be down only three or four teachers.

See **Teacher** page 7



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